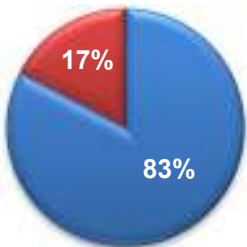
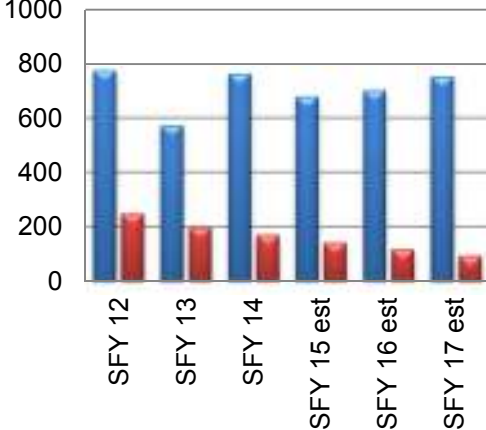


# Comprehensive Family Support Programs



Purpose	The purpose of the Comprehensive Family Support programs – Family Support Subsidy (FSS) and Children at Home (CAH) – is to assist families of children with developmental disabilities to meet the special needs of their disabled children.		
Who Is Helped	Both programs serve families of disabled children. Eligibility and availability are different.	<b>Children Served SFY15</b> ■ CAH (83%) ■ FSS (17%) 	
	<b>Family Support Subsidy (FSS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child under age 18 who lives at home with a developmental disability which results in substantial functional limitation in three or more areas of major life activity.</li><li>• Families with income below \$40,000 (adjusted gross income).</li><li>• Available statewide until state legislation ended new enrollment effective January 2010.</li><li>• A monthly average of 142 children received FSS in SFY15.</li></ul>		
	<b>Children at Home (CAH)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Person under 21 with a disability who lives at home or has a discharge plan to return home within 60 calendar days.</li><li>• Families with income below \$60,000 (adjusted gross income).</li><li>• Currently available in 23 counties. Services are expanded to additional counties based on available funding.</li></ul>	<b>Number Served</b> ■ CAH ■ FSS 	
	✓ About half of the families served through the Family Support Subsidy have household income of less than \$30,000/year.		
Services	<b>Family Support Subsidy (FSS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provides a monthly payment to families of \$296 for SFY16. Is used to support the family in keeping their child at home.</li><li>• Program will continue until last child turns 18 (approximately 2024).</li></ul> <b>Children at Home (CAH)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provides funds for a particular need as they arise. Examples include adaptive equipment, special clothing, counseling, parent training, and respite.</li></ul>		

<b>Goals &amp; Strategies</b>	<p>FSS Goal: Provide families with financial support to help keep their children with disabilities at home.</p> <p>FSS Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to provide family support subsidy funding to families currently enrolled until the child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. As children leave the FSS program and the need for funds decreases, DHS proposes to move funds into the Children at Home program to expand the number of counties where this service is available.</li> </ul> <p>CAH Goal: Gradually expand the program.</p> <p>CAH Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The department proposes to continue using FSS dollars saved to expand CAH services to unserved counties. Savings from children who exited FSS in SFY15 and SFY16 are already being used to expand CAH services to additional parts of the state.</li> </ul>	<p>Results in SFY15:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overwhelming percentages of parents in both groups say they are satisfied with the programs and that they assist in keeping their children at home.</li> </ul>
<b>Legal Basis</b>	<p><b>State:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Iowa Code, Chapters 225C.35-42 &amp; 225C.47-49</li> </ul>	